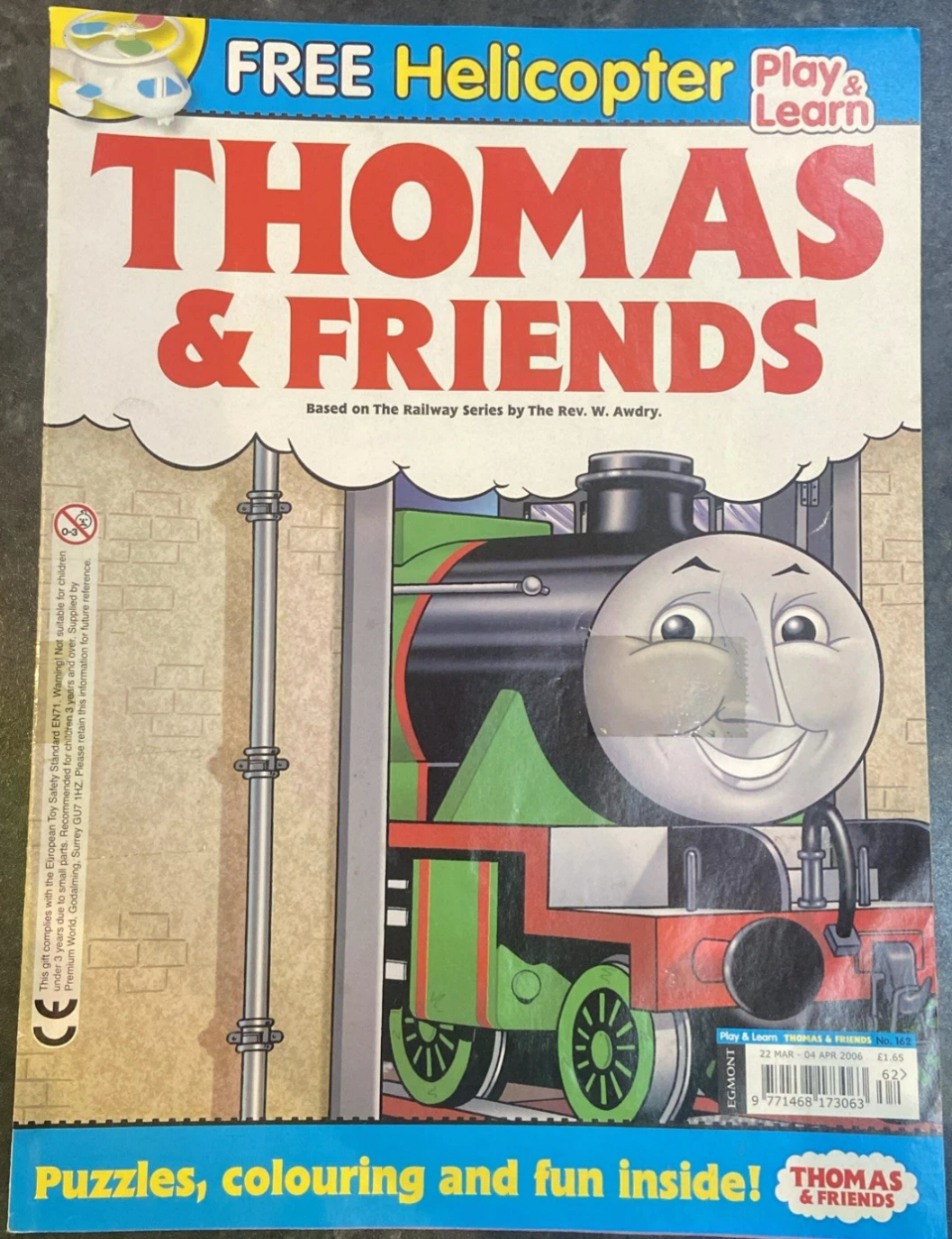
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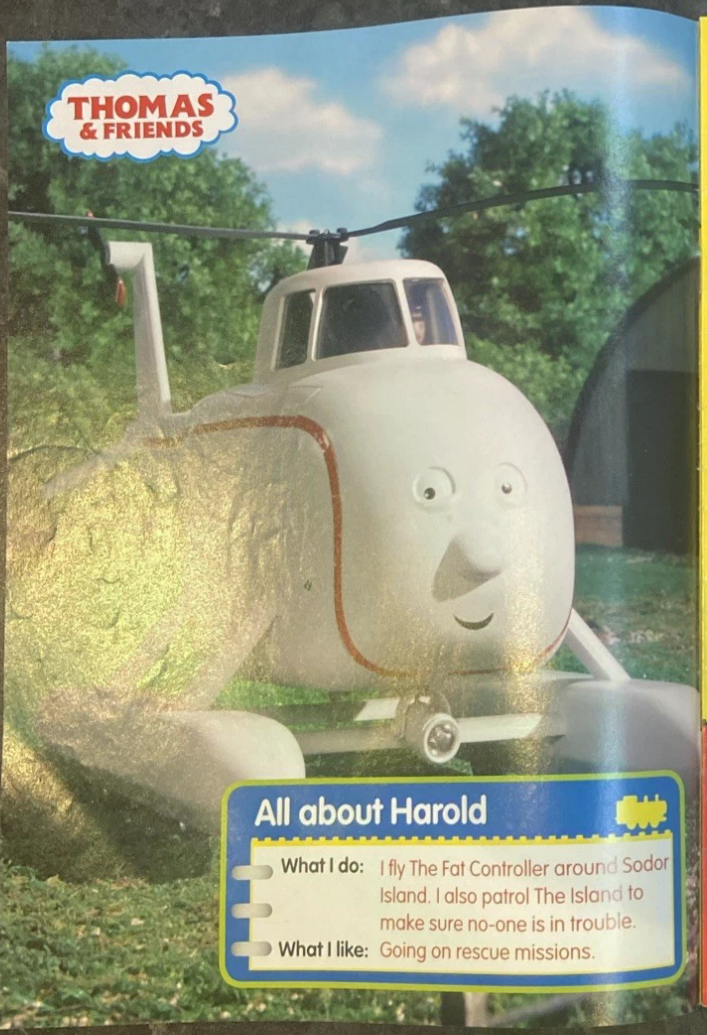

All about Harold

What I do: I fly The Fat Controller around Sodor Island. I also patrol The Island to make sure no-one is in trouble.

What I like: Going on rescue missions.

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Counting with Henry

Spring on Sodor

"Spring time is lovely on Sodor," sighs Dennis. "I think I'll just enjoy the view and not do any work!"

Use this number line to help you answer the questions below.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

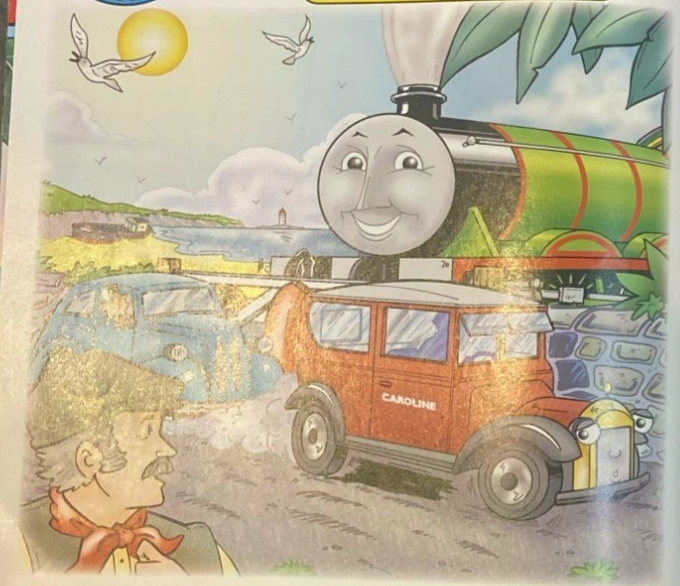
How many of each of these things can you count in the big picture? Write your answers in the boxes below.

- ☐ engines
- ☐ butterflies
- ☐ sheep
- ☐ rabbits
- ☐ birds
- ☐ bees

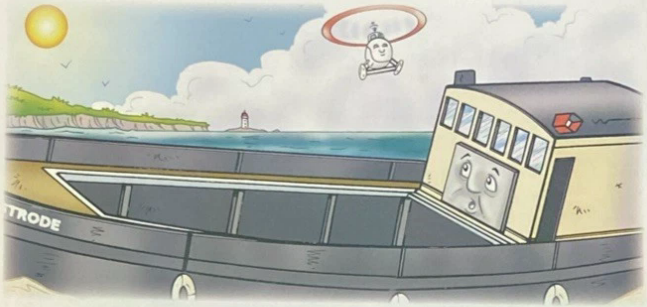
Thomas' Read Aloud Story

Caroline's cruise

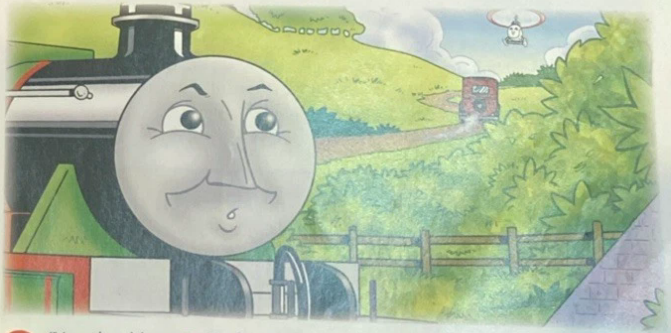
Shout out all the words in red.



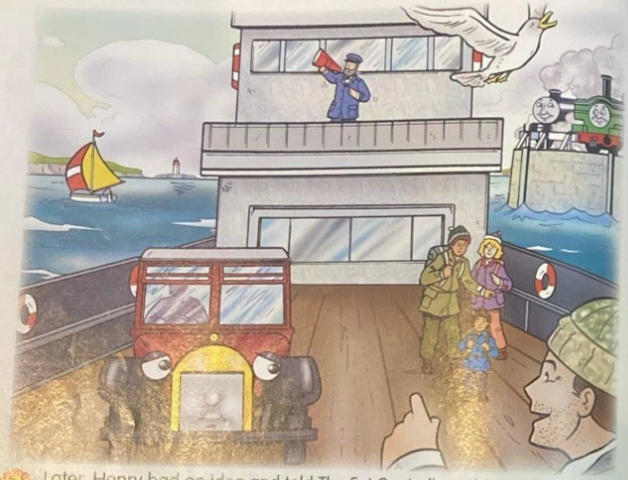
1 One day, Henry was pulling a passenger train on the seaside line. He had to wait at a level crossing for Caroline to pass. Nearby, Bulstrode rested on the beach. They could all see the car ferry had docked at The Harbour. The Fat Controller drove off the ferry and followed Caroline over the crossing. "I've been to the Mainland to visit the Railway Inspector," he called.



2 "I had a splendid view of the Island of Sodor as I came back by sea," The Fat Controller went on. "I've been all round The Island by rail!" puffed Henry. "Pah!" growled Bulstrode. "When I was a working barge, I saw Sodor by sea too!" Just then Harold hovered overhead.



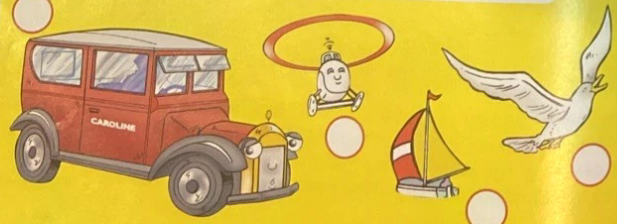
3 "You should see Sodor from up here," he whirred. "A sky-high view is the best of all!" Caroline felt sad. "I'd like to tour The Island," she sighed. "But I can only go slowly and my motor is old. It might break down." Henry watched Caroline chugging on her way. He wanted to help.



Later, Henry had an idea and told The Fat Controller, who arranged everything. Next day, Caroline went for a special trip all around the Island of Sodor on the car ferry. "What a wonderful surprise!" Caroline hooted, as the captain called, "All aboard for Caroline's Cruise!"

The End

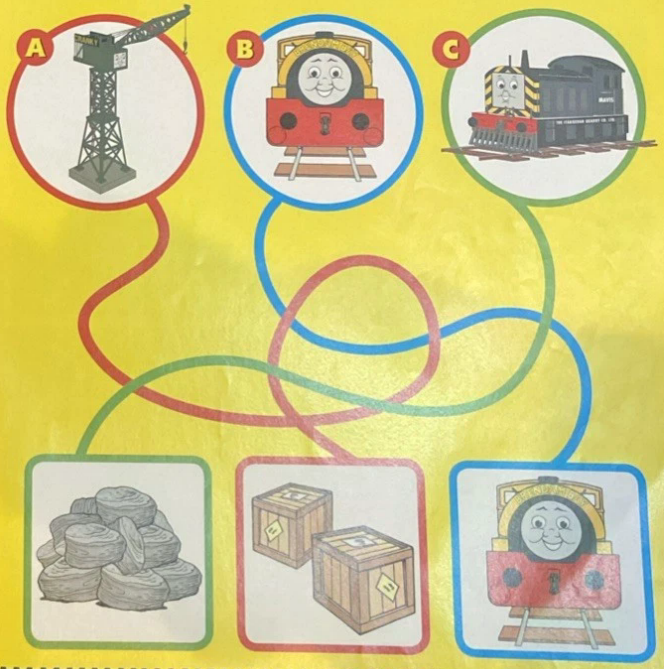
Tick each circle when you see the items in the story.



Puzzles with Peter Sam

Tangled pick up

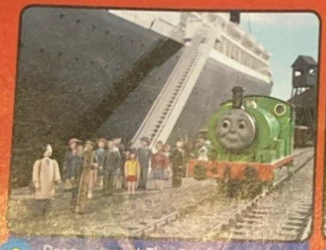
Follow the lines with your finger to see what each character is going to pick up from around The Island.



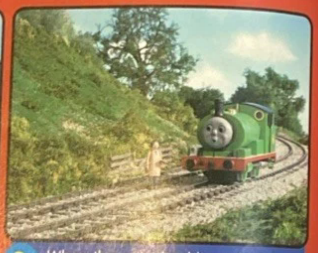
Answers: A. Chitty the Crane is picking up freight at The Harbour. B. Bill is picking up his own Bill from the Chalk Clay Pits. C. Bruno is picking up stone from The Quarry.

Look and Learn with Terence

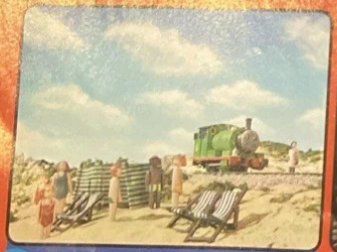
Percy and the painting



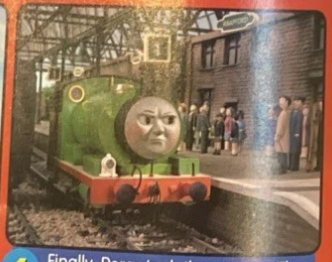
1 Percy was at The Docks to collect a famous artist. He was going to paint a picture called 'The Spirit of Sodor'. Percy had to show him all the most beautiful places on The Island.



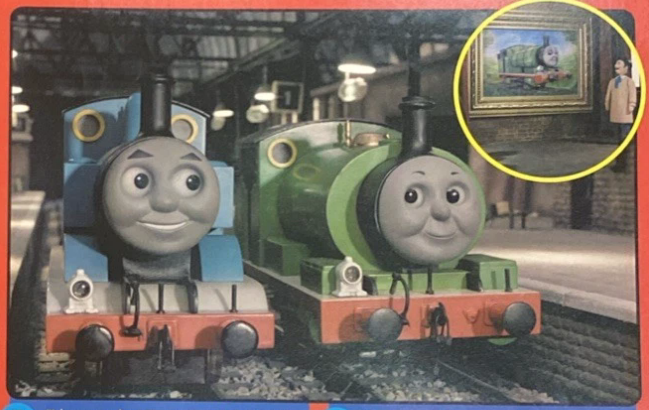
2 When the artist had boarded, Percy took him to Shen Valley. "Is this The Spirit of Sodor?" asked Percy. "Too green," said the artist. "I want to see something special!"



3 So, Percy took the artist to Norramby Beach. "Too yellow," said the artist. "Show me something special!" Percy was upset. He thought the whole of Sodor Island was special.



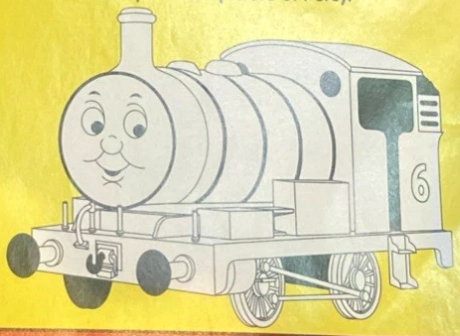
4 Finally, Percy took the artist to The Main Station. "I believe there's nothing special on this Island," said the artist. "Everything on Sodor is special!" peeped Percy, wheeshing steam.

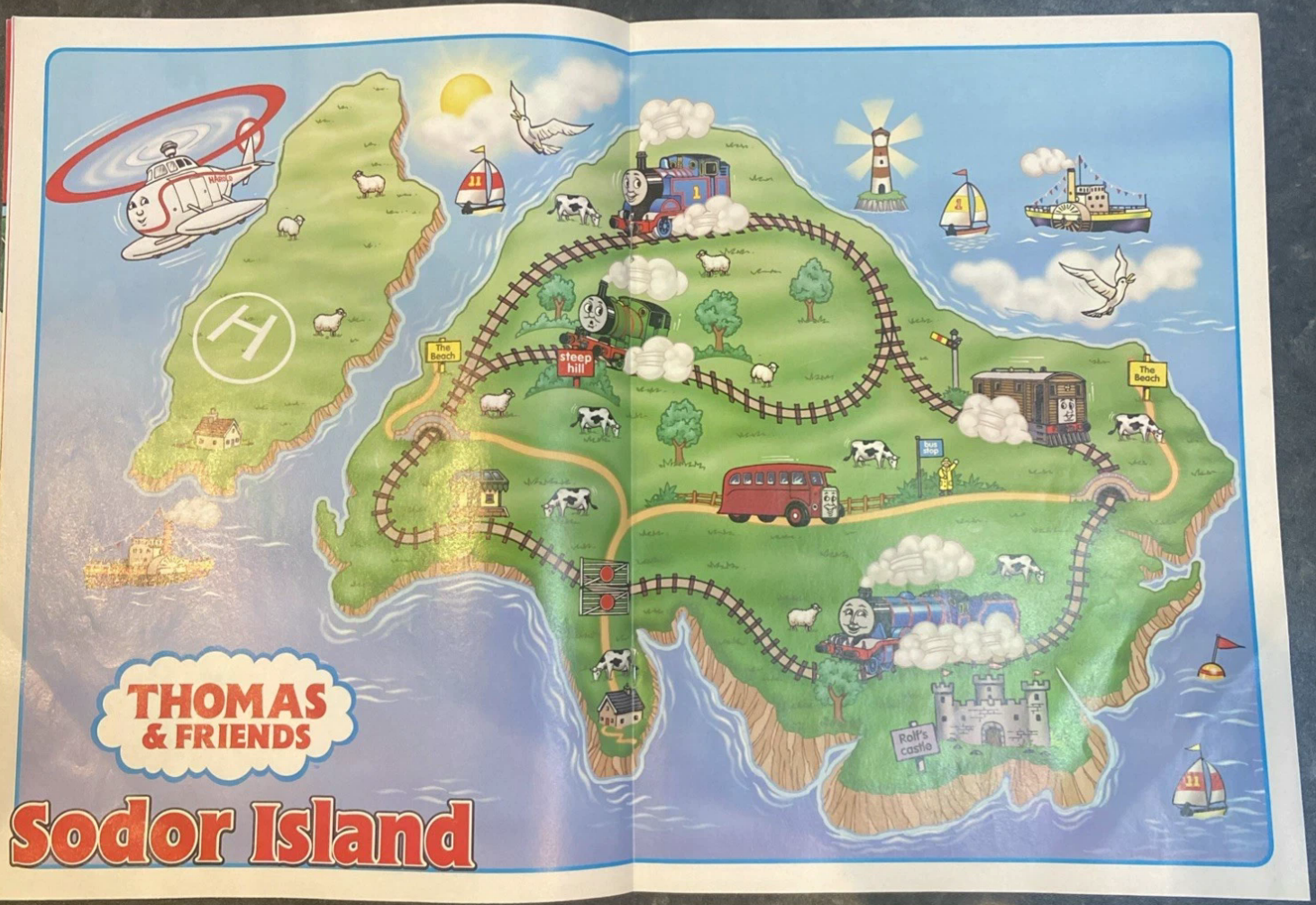


5 "I know what I'm going to paint!" cried the artist, suddenly. "You, Percy! You're hard working, helpful and not afraid to speak your mind. You are the true Spirit of Sodor!"

6 So, the artist painted a picture of Percy. The little engine was so proud. "You deserve to be the Spirit of Sodor, Percy. No-one loves this Island more than you!" said Thomas.

Paint your own picture of Percy.

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Sodor Island
The Beach
steep hill
bus stop
The Beach
Rolf's castle

Count with Gordon

Sodor sums

Can you try to help Gordon with his sums?
Write your answers in the boxes.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

A + =

B − =

C + =

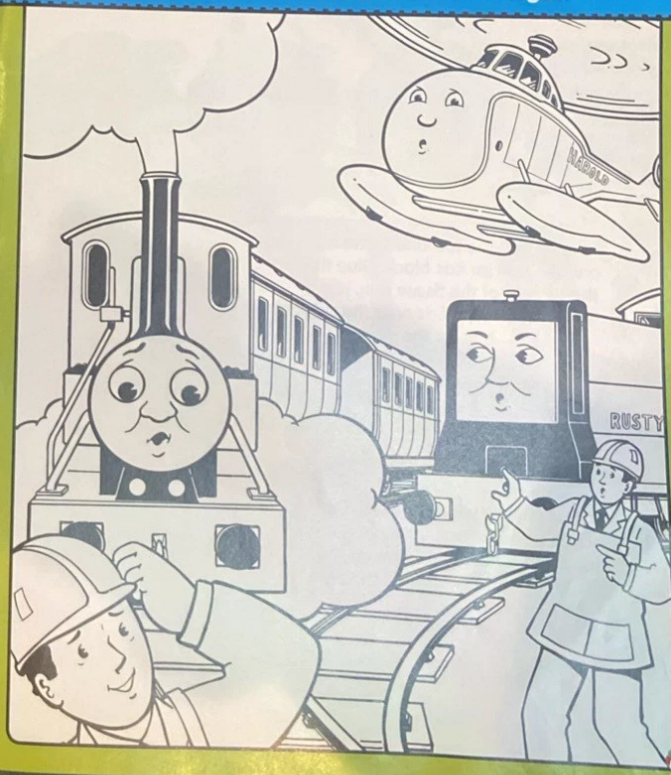
D + =

E + =

Colour with James

Broken track

"Go and get help, Harold!" cries Rusty's driver.
"The track up ahead is damaged."



Make with Mavis

The Fat Controller's car

Make the blue car that The Fat Controller drives around Sodor Island.

What you need:

- Empty tissue box
- Plastic tub
- Four jam jar lids
- Black and blue paint
- Paint brush
- Scissors
- Glue

Mavis' Top Tip
Ask a grown-up to help you with the cutting out!

1 Paint the tub and tissue box blue, and the jam jar lids black. Glue the tub onto the bottom of the tissue box, just off centre. Glue the jam jar lids onto the sides of the box for the wheels.

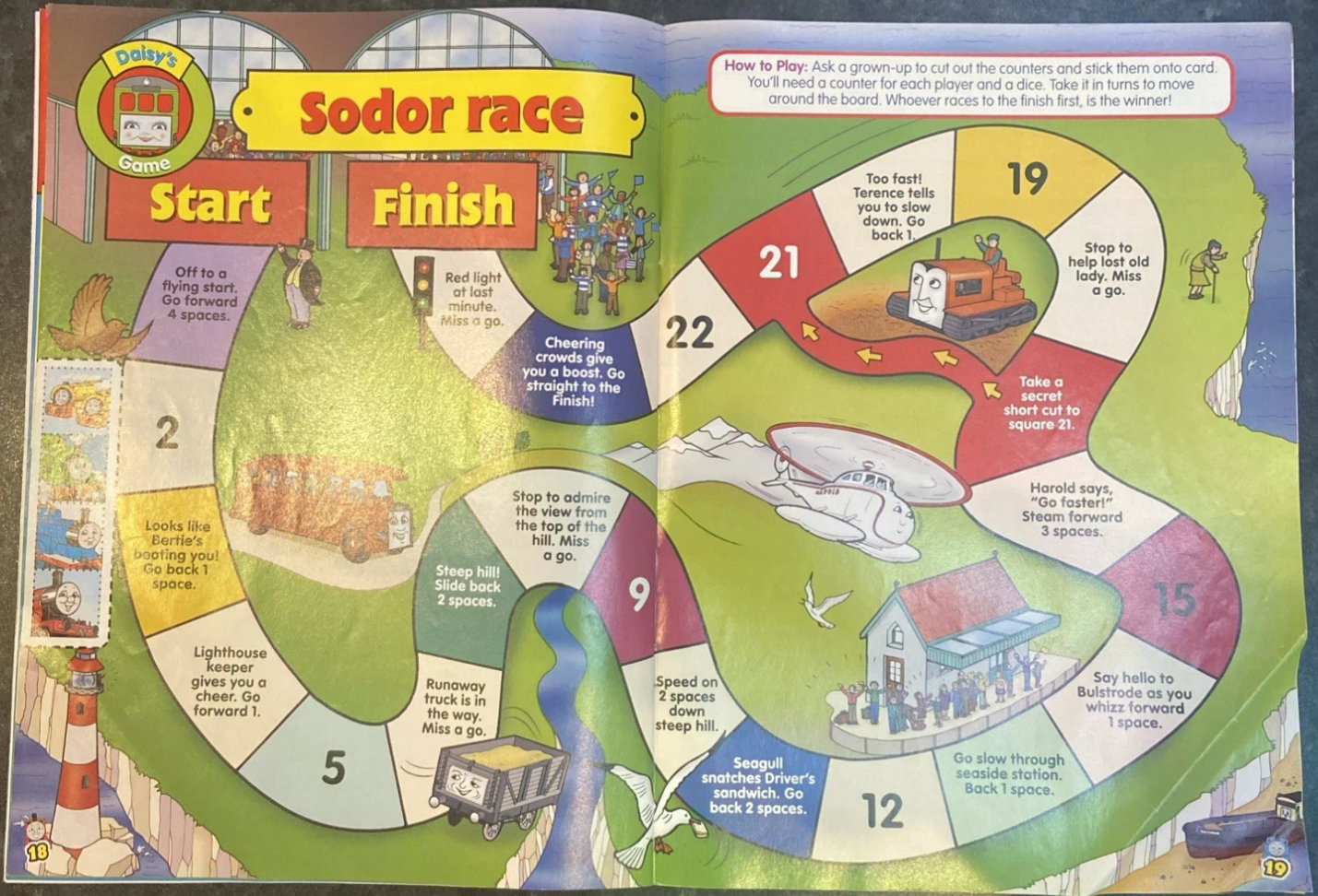
2 Cut out the window, front and hubcaps from the opposite page and stick them on the car. Paint on the stripes and side windows. The Fat Controller's car is ready to drive!

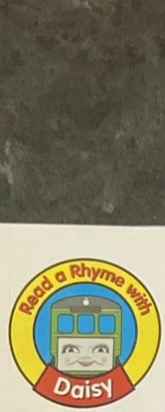
Photography: Laura Ashman

Daisy's Game

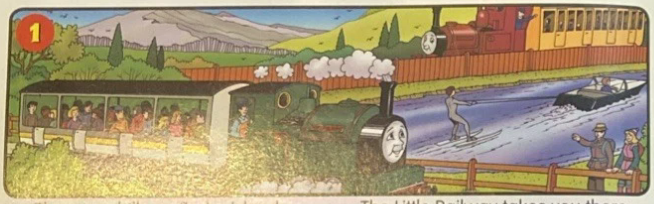
Sodor race

How to Play: Ask a grown-up to cut out the counters and stick them onto card. You'll need a counter for each player and a dice. Take it in turns to move around the board. Whoever races to the finish first, is the winner!


Start
Finish
Off to a flying start. Go forward 4 spaces.
2
Looks like Bertie's booting you! Go back 1 space.
Lighthouse keeper gives you a cheer. Go forward 1.
5
Runaway truck is in the way. Miss a go.
Steep hill! Slide back 2 spaces.
Stop to admire the view from the top of the hill. Miss a go.
9
Red light at last minute. Miss a go.
Cheering crowds give you a boost. Go straight to the Finish!
22
21
Too fast! Terence tells you to slow down. Go back 1.
19
Stop to help lost old lady. Miss a go.
Take a secret short cut to square 21.
Harold says, "Go faster!" Steam forward 3 spaces.
15
Say hello to Bulstrode as you whizz forward 1 space.
Go slow through seaside station. Back 1 space.
12
Seagull snatches Driver's sandwich. Go back 2 spaces.
Speed on 2 spaces down steep hill.

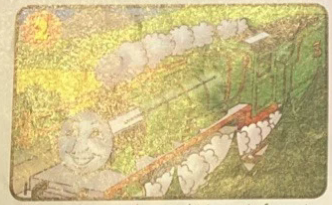


Splendid sight

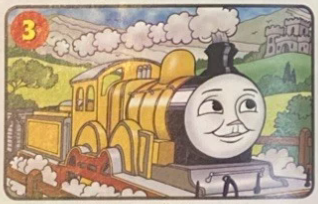


There are hills on Sodor Island.
Blue lakes and mountain views.

The Little Railway takes you there,
On engines you can choose.

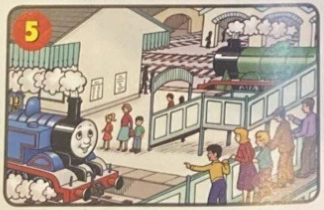


There are parks and Henry's forest,
Plus lots of countryside.



The Fat Controller's engines,
Puff past them all with pride.

But of all the scenes on Sodor,
That people like to see,



The best is at Main Station,
Where engines work busily.

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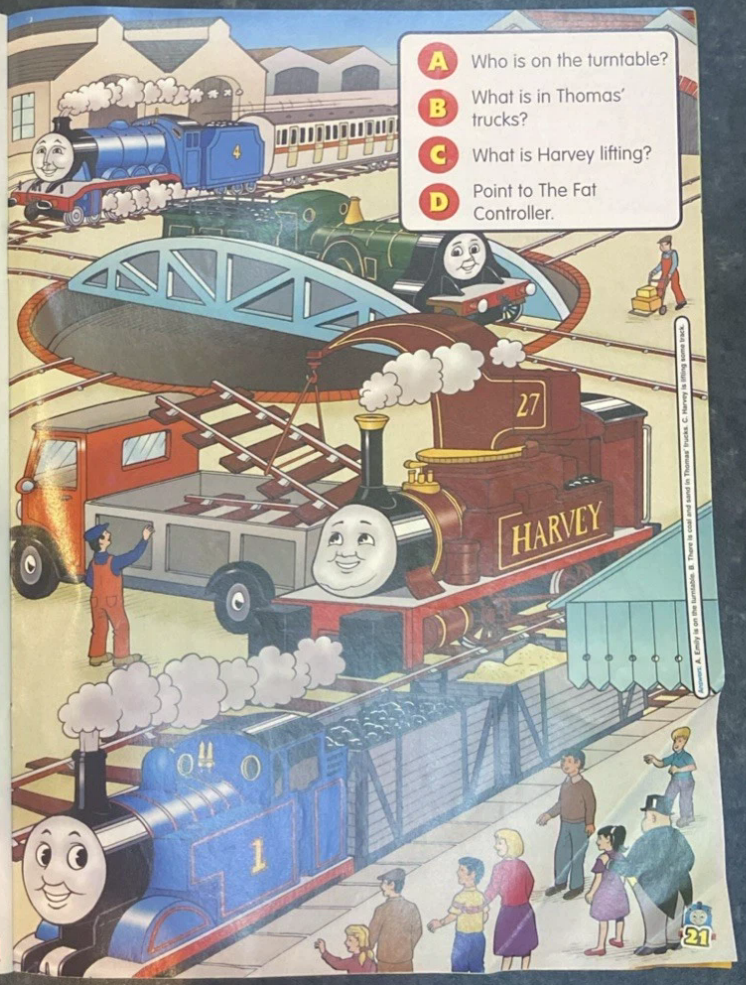
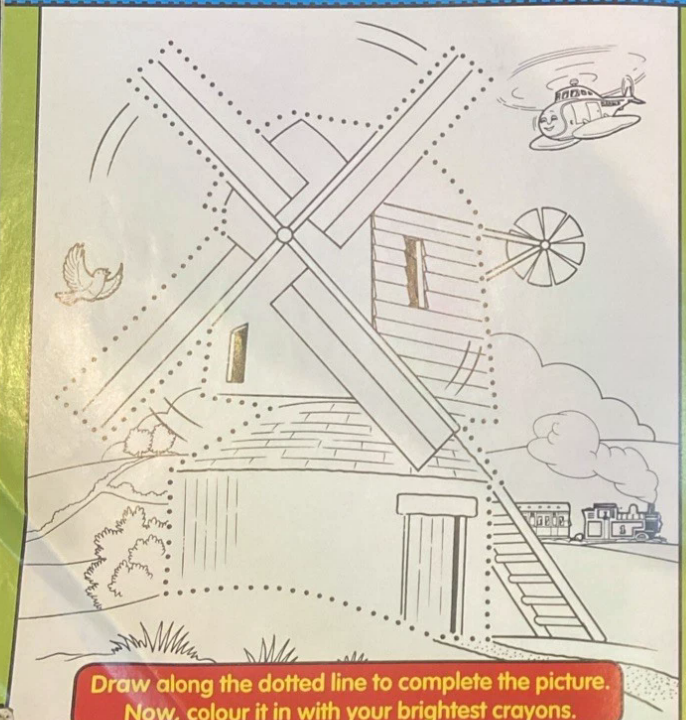


Answers: A. Emily is on the turntable. B. There is coal in Thomas' trucks. C. Harvey is lifting some trees.

Edward's Join the Dots

Favourite thing

The windmill is Harold's favourite thing on Sodor Island because it has blades that turn just like his.



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"Say cheese!" says The Fat Controller to Thomas Monk, aged 6½.

Kind old Edward is chuffing along happily in this picture by Ashleigh Burton-Doe, aged 7.

The Fat Controller is on a fun ride with Thomas. Drawn by Callum McGowan, aged 4.

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